

WCSX-HD2

PUBLIC AFFAIRS QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1 - December 31, 2015

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Section I – Community Issues

WCSX-HD2 is continually engaged in dialogue with community leaders and our audience to determine issues that affect our broadcast area. As a broadcast station, we are committed to addressing these issues in our issue responsive programming. Below is a list of the top issues of concern to the community that were addressed through public service programming during the quarter ending December 31, 2015

- 1. Economy**
- 2. Terrorism / War**
- 3. Gender / Racial Issues**
- 4. Crime/Justice**
- 5. Government Policy**
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Section II – Public Affairs Program Listing

WCSX-HD2 aired the following public affairs program each Sunday between October 1 and December 31, 2015.

“The Peter Werbe Show”

Sundays, 6:00am – 7:00am

Written, produced, and hosted by WCSX-HD2 Public Affairs Director, Peter Werbe, the show features guests and community leaders discussing key issues affecting Metro Detroit with content mirroring issues of concern to our listening audience.

Section III – Public Affairs Programming and News Summary

Below is a summary illustrating how WCSX-HD2 addressed key community issues throughout the three month period ending December 31, 2015.

1. Economy

October 4, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Gar Alperovitz, author, *What Then Must We Do? Straight Talk About the Next American Revolution*, proposes a possible next system that is entirely American. 25 min.

November 8, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Scott Myers-Lipton, author *Ending Extreme Inequality: An Economic Bill of Right to Eliminate Poverty*, said that extending what President Roosevelt put forth as what should be the birthright of every American, would end the vast gulf of wealth and poverty in this country. 25 min.

November 8, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Thom Hartmann, nationally syndicated radio talk show host, and author, *The Crash of 2015: The Plot to Destroy America—and What We Can Do to Stop It*, said a great economic calamity lies ahead. 25 min.

December 20, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Les Leopold, author, *Runaway Inequality: An Activist's Guide to Economic Justice*, said that it's not only about fairness of compensation, but also wealth inequality harms the economy. 25 min.

2. War and Terrorism

October 11, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Frank Joyce, co-editor, *The People Make the Peace*, described re-visits to Vietnam that he and several other people took recently who had gone to the country at war in the early 1970s. 25 min.

October 11, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Phyllis Bennis, fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies, and author, *Understanding ISIS and the New Global War on Terror: A Primer*, discussed the origins of the group and how to combat them. 25 min.

November 22, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Dan Lazare, wrote "How Saudi/Gulf Money Fuels Terror" said that U.S. allies like Saudi Arabia are the largest funder of ISIS. 25 min.

December 6, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Leah Bolger, Chair, World Beyond War, and a former commander in the U.S. Navy, offered a document, "A Global Security System: An Alternative to War," as a replacement for the state of constant warfare in which the United States is currently involved. 25 min.

3. Gender / Racial Issues

November 22, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Cara Hoffman, author of the novel, *Be Safe, I Love you*, painted a vivid and nuanced portrait of a female combat veteran effected by post-traumatic stress disorder. 25 min.

November 29, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Nelson A. Denis, author, *War Against All Puerto Ricans: Revolution and Terror in America's Colony*, gave the history of the island and described the 1950 failed attempt at an armed insurrection. 25 min.

December 27, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, author, *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*, chronicled the history and fate of the original people of this continent. 25 min.

4. Crime / Justice

December 13, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Norman Solomon, executive director of the Institute for Public Accuracy, commented on Pres. Obama's speech following the San Bernardino massacre. 25 min.

5. Government Policy

October 18, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Robert Scheer, author, *They Know Everything About You: How Data-Collecting Corporations and Snooping Government Agencies Are Destroying Democracy*, said surveillance over-reach by official and private bureaucracies invade our privacy and interfere with the rights of citizens. 25 min.

November 1, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Linda Benesch, Communications Associate with SocialSecurityWorks.org, said that the government retirement system has a surplus and should consider raising the monthly benefit payments. 25 min.

December 6, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Rev. Barry W. Lynn, executive director, American United for Separation of Church and State, and author, *God and Government: Twenty-Five Years of Fighting for Equality*,

Secularism, and Freedom of Conscience, said religion and government are both served best when they are not entangled. 25 min.

6. Detroit

October 18, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Beth Tompkins Bates, author, *The Making of Black Detroit in the Age of Henry Ford*, described how African Americans, an internal migrant population from the South in the early part of the last century, became a powerful and decisive force in the city and the United Auto Workers union. 25 min.

7. Current Affairs

October 25, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

David Swanson, host of Talk Nation Radio, discussed U.S. and NATO plans to deploy a new generation of nuclear bombs to bases in Europe and Putin's reaction which threatens to re-ignite the Cold War. 25 min.

November 15, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Alfred McCoy, author of the article, "The Real American Exceptionalism," discussed the debate about the use of drones. 25 min.

8. Education / Parenting

October 4, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Graham Casano, author, *A New Kind of Public: Community, Solidarity, and Political Economy in New Deal Cinema, 1935-1948*, discussed how popular culture has a deeper content than audiences perceive at a surface level. 25 min.

October 25, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Frederick Lane, attorney and educational consultant, described the pitfalls the internet poses for students, teachers and school administrators. 25 min.

November 29, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Joel Westheimer, author, *What Kind of Citizen? Educating Our Children for the Common Good*, suggested teaching methods that instill democratic values in our students. 25 min.

December 13, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Ken Mikolowski, author, *That That*, talked about his book of minimalist poetry and how it challenges his students' concept of the genre. 25 min.

9. Environment / Energy / Climate Change

December 20, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Roy Scranton, Iraq war veteran and author, *Learning to Die in the Anthropocene: Reflections on the End of a Civilization*, said the era of human domination based on fossil fuel energy sources will come to a bad end unless changes are quickly instituted. 25 min.

December 27, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Jamie Bianchini, author, *A Bicycle Built for Two Billion*, told how he pedaled around the world to 81 countries to bring attention to climate change. 25 min.

10. Health Care / Health

November 1, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Dr. Marion Nestle, author, *Soda Politics: Taking on Big Soda (and Winning)*, refuted the soda industry's contention that it is a lack of physical activity which is the reason for rising obesity rates. 25 min.